

# House Bill 2329

Sponsored by Representative SALINAS (Presession filed.)

## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Directs Secretary of State to create public process to develop state song to replace "Oregon, My Oregon" as state song. Requires secretary to design process to ensure broad public participation from Oregonians of all backgrounds, races and ethnicities and to ensure access to resources to assess historical accuracy of proposed song lyrics.

Requires secretary to report to Legislative Assembly on progress in developing successor state song no later than September 15, 2022.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to the state song for Oregon; and declaring an emergency.

**Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

**SECTION 1.** (1) The Legislative Assembly finds that the current state song for the State of Oregon, "Oregon, My Oregon," has lyrics that are entrenched in racism, that fail to recognize the suffering of Native people who were forcibly removed from this state and that fail to recognize the pain and suffering of Black people who were subject to exclusion laws targeting Black people.

(2) The Legislative Assembly declares that a successor state song to "Oregon, My Oregon" is needed and that the process for selecting the successor state song is to be inclusive to people of all backgrounds, races and ethnicities who call Oregon home.

**SECTION 2.** (1) As soon as is practicable after the effective date of this 2021 Act, the Secretary of State shall propose a public process by which a successor to the current state song, "Oregon, My Oregon" is to be developed.

(2) The public process shall be designed to ensure broad participation from Oregonians of all backgrounds, races and ethnicities who call Oregon home, and to ensure access to resources to assess historical accuracy in any proposed song lyrics that make references to past historical events.

(3) The secretary shall make the proposed public process available to the public for review and comment for a 90-day period, and may conduct hearings on the proposed public process. The secretary shall review and consider all testimony and comments received. The secretary shall finalize the public process within 45 days following the close of the public comment period.

(4) The secretary shall report to the Legislative Assembly on the progress of the public process in developing a successor state song no later than September 15, 2022.

**SECTION 3.** This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect on its passage.

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

